

RFP Questions & Answers  
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1. During the interview will the Government participants be limited to the SEB members? Will technical representatives of the OCRWM participate in the interviews? Will the SEB members have reviewed the offerors proposal prior to the interview?

**Answer:** The Government participants will be limited to the SEB voting members. The Source Selection Official and select ex-officios may attend as observers. Necessary logistics people will also be present. There will not be any special technical representatives of the OCRWM participating in the interviews. The SEB members will not have reviewed the offerors proposal prior to the interviews.

2. The scheduled time for the interviews are well defined. Will the government keep the clock during the interview and manage to the precise times indicated in the RFP?

**Answer:** The Government will monitor the clock during the interviews and manage the precise times in the RFP. The viewing of the clock will be available to the Offerors.

3. Reference: Section C23.0, Contract Transition Functions, second paragraph, first sentence: "The Contractor shall utilize any government-furnished facilities and equipment as appropriate to minimize costs."

We assume that for economy and efficiency the DOE would prefer the successful bidder to use GFF and GFE wherever possible -- including, but not limited to, the Transition period. However, it is unclear whether or not adequate facilities exist to accommodate the Transition Team. Therefore, please provide guidance as to the nature and extent of GFF and GFE, if any, that is available. Or, should we include the price of facilities in our estimate for Transition costs?

**Answer:** All Offerors should assume they will have to provide their own office space, furniture and equipment, including personal computers, during the transition period.

4. References:

(a) Section F.1, Period of Performance, first paragraph: "The Contractor's responsibility for management and operation of the OCRWM Program shall start on February 12, 2001."

(b) Section B.3, Estimated Cost and Fee, paragraph (c)(6)(a): "Failure to achieve functional standards...in any one (or portion of one) of the 12 month periods running sequentially from March 31, 2000, if not met."

(c) Section I.36 DEAR 970.5204-21 PROPERTY (i), Property Management, (2) Property Inventory, (i): "Unless otherwise directed by the Contracting Officer, the Contractor shall within six months after execution of the Contract provide a baseline inventory covering all items of Government property."

(d) Section I.67 DEAR 970.5204-81 DIVERSITY PLAN: "The Contractor shall submit a Diversity Plan to the Contracting Officer for approval within 90 days after the effective date of this contract."

(e) Section I.63 DEAR 970-5204-76 MAKE-OR-BUY PLAN, paragraph (c), Submission and approval: For new contract awards, the Contractor shall submit an initial make-or-buy plan, for approval, within 180 days after contract award."

Would the DOE please clarify their understanding of the three phrases execution of the contract, effective date of the contract, award of the contract in relation to the Transition Period, the Phase-In Period, and the actual beginning of the Contract Period (April 1, 2001 through March 31, 2006).

**Answer:** The award date and the date of contract execution are the same date and are the date that the Contracting Officer signs the Standard Form 33, Solicitation, Offer, and Award. The effective date is the official start date of transition and may or may not be coincident with the award date. The Phase-In Period and the actual beginning of the Contract Period are not relevant to any of the contract clauses that you identified.